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September 30, 2010

In reply refer to:
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Ms. Alice Benson
Wastewater Operations Manager
Ramona Municipal Water District
105 Earlham Street
Ramona, CA 92065-1599

Dear Ms. Benson:

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF MONITORING REPORTS FOR SANTA MARIA WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY (WRF)

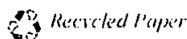
The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) has reviewed the May-August 2010 monthly monitoring reports and the April-June 2010 quarterly monitoring report submitted by the Ramona Municipal Water District in accordance with Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 2000-177.

The San Diego Water Board identified the following violations of Section B.4 (Discharge Specifications) of Order No. 2000-177 in the reports submitted:

1. The 12-month average of discharge specification for total dissolved solids, established at 800 milligrams per liter (mg/L), was exceeded in the April-June 2010 quarterly reporting period with a reported value of 845 mg/L.
2. The 12-month average discharge specification for sulfate, established at 200 mg/L, was exceeded in the April-June 2010 quarterly reporting period with a reported value of 223.1 mg/L.

The San Diego Water Board acknowledges that the District is planning an upgrade to the Santa Maria WRF that should address exceedances of sulfate and TDS discharge specifications. Please be aware these violations subject you to possible further enforcement action by the San Diego Water Board, including administrative enforcement orders requiring the you to cease and desist from violations, or to clean up waste and abate existing or threatened conditions of pollution or nuisance; administrative assessment of civil liability in amounts of up to \$5,000 per day per

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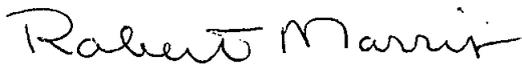
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violation;¹ referral to the State Attorney General for injunctive relief; and referral to the District Attorney for criminal prosecution.

The next monitoring report to be submitted is the September 2010 monthly monitoring report due by October 30, 2010.

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Sincerely,



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Senior Water Resource Control Engineer
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Regulatory Measure: 376076
CIWQS Violation: 881955 and 881956

¹ Under authority of California Water Code section 13350.